

REMARKS

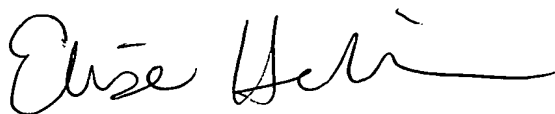
Claims 1-29 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors or otherwise further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. New claims 30-36 have been added. Claims 1-36 are pending. In addition, FIG. 2 and FIG. 3 have been amended in conformance with the specification. Moreover, the abstract has been amended and is attached hereto.

SUMMARY

Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388.

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